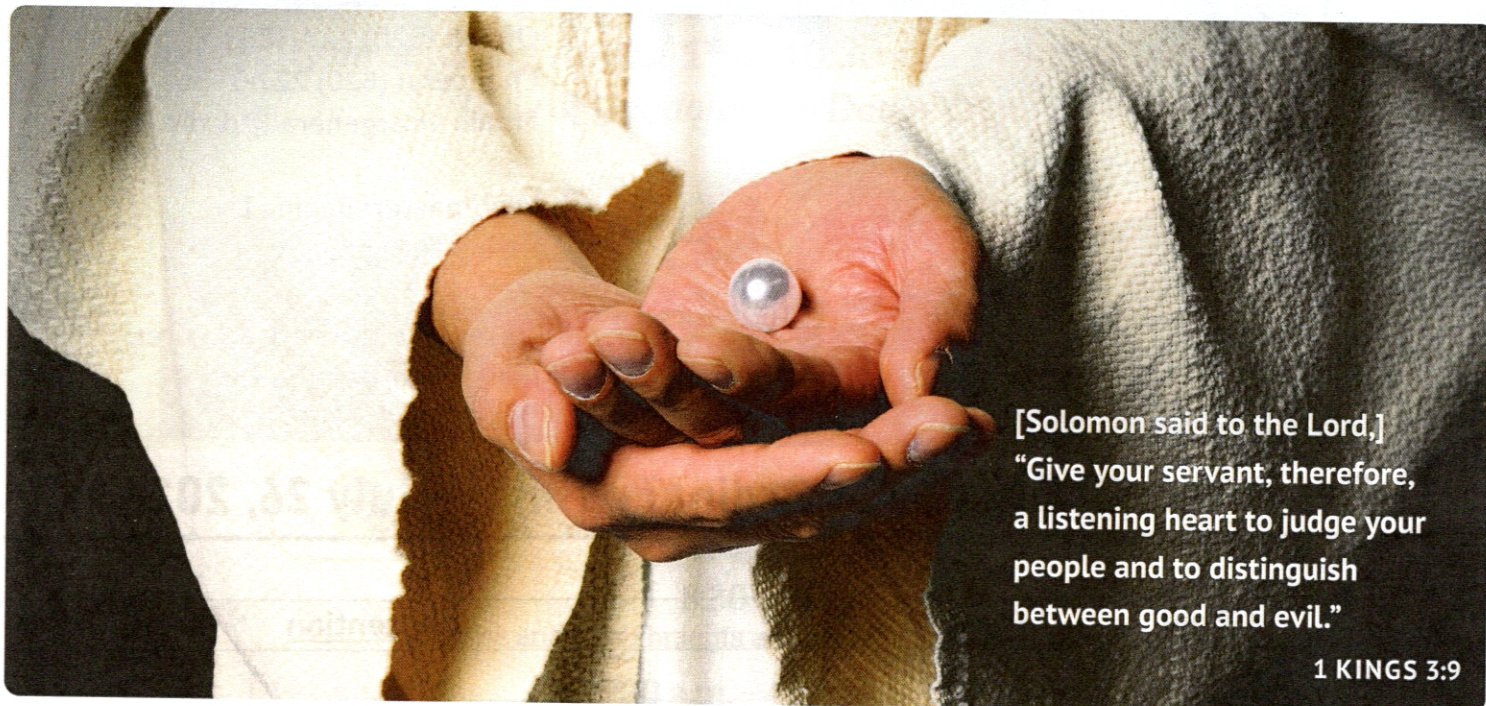




[Solomon said to the Lord,]  
“Give your servant, therefore,  
a listening heart to judge your  
people and to distinguish  
between good and evil.”

1 KINGS 3:9

## What Image of the Kingdom Will You Serve Up?

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**J**esus' favorite thing to talk about was a mystery he called the kingdom of God, referred to in the Gospel of Matthew as the kingdom of heaven. He was not the first to speak of it. The prophets before him spoke often of God's dream for the world. They wanted all to know what it would look like when God reigns here on earth as God already reigns in the heavens. But Jesus added to that teaching by offering vivid new images of what God's reign is like. Matthew 13 is filled with such snapshots. The kingdom of heaven will be like a mustard seed, a pearl, a measure of leaven, a hidden treasure. It will be like a sower casting out seed, a wheat harvest, a net that catches many fish.

At the end of this litany, however, Jesus offers an image of what he expects of those who have received his teaching about the Kingdom. They are to be like “the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old” (Matthew 13:52). It sounds as if Jesus' disciples are to act like hosts of a banquet, setting the table with stories from across time to feed their guests with whatever words and images would best help them grasp the mystery of this kingdom. They are to continue Jesus' work of developing new ways to illumine a mystery that is in the end too great for words. ●



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### Reflect

***What image of God's kingdom would you offer people of the twenty-first century?***

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## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 26, 2026

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Feast</u>                       | <u>Intention</u>          |
|------------|-------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Monday     |             |                                    |                           |
| Tuesday    | 8:00 am     | Weekday Mass                       | Joan Mages                |
| Wednesday  | 8:00 am     | Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus      | Sam Mages                 |
| Thursday   | 8:00 am     | Weekday Mass                       | Rita Harper               |
| Friday     | 8:00 am     | Saint Ignatius of Loyola           | Joan Mages                |
| Saturday   | 8:00 am     | Saint Alphonsus Liguori            | Joan Mages                |
| Sunday     | 9:00 am     | Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Saint Andrew Parishioners |

**Confessions: Sunday 8:00 – 8:45 am or by appointment any time**

### Ministers for next Sunday, August 2, 2026

**Greeters:** Jason & Amber Sanko

**Collection:** Steve Lutz & Justin Weil

**Cantor:** Karen Herrington

**Servers:** James Hamilton & Jessa Hamilton

**Lectors:** Becca Durler & Marilyn Burke

**E.M.C.'s:** Jay Theis, Elaine Slattery, Ray Theis

**Gifts:** Karla Schubert

**Rosary:** Maurice Bleumer

### Giving Report: 7-19-26

Envelopes: \$2,130.00

Loose: \$225.00

Electronic: \$612.44

Alms for Renovation Project: \$70,857.69



For the next few Sundays, the Religious Education Commission will be in the vestibule to do enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year. Please stop by and fill out the enrollment form so that books can be ordered and received before classes begin on September 2.

Cor gathering Tuesday evening, the 28th at 8:00. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. The topic will be "In Charity & Truth" Toward a Renewed Political Culture.

***You are invited to pray a holy hour with the seminarians of the Diocese of Dodge City on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 am at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City.***

## DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY 75th Celebration



12 SEPTEMBER 2026  
8:30 AM – 4:00 PM



CATHEDRAL OF OUR  
LADY OF GUADALUPE  
3231 N. 14th Ave. Dodge City, KS, 67801

8:30 a.m.

Welcome and refreshments are available in the social hall

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Diocesan Archives Jubilee Exhibit- open  
(Closed during Mass)

The Jubilee Exhibit will include Church patrimony, religious artifacts, historic photographs, Bishops' memorabilia and sacred treasures from the diocesan archives.

9:30 a.m.

Parish and Religious Congregations' delegations prepare for the procession

10:00 a.m.

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Procession of delegations from the Parish and Religious Congregations  
Commissioning of the entire congregation on the occasion of our anniversary

Work of Mercy - Offertory collection to benefit Catholic Charities of SWKS

12:00 p.m.

Lunch available

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Confessions available

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Adoration

1:30 Blessed Sacrament exposed, followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Catholic Diocese of Dodge City Litany

2:45 p.m. Benediction, reposition, hymn

3:00 p.m. Conclusion

4:00 p.m.

Diocesan Archives Jubilee Exhibit -  
closes

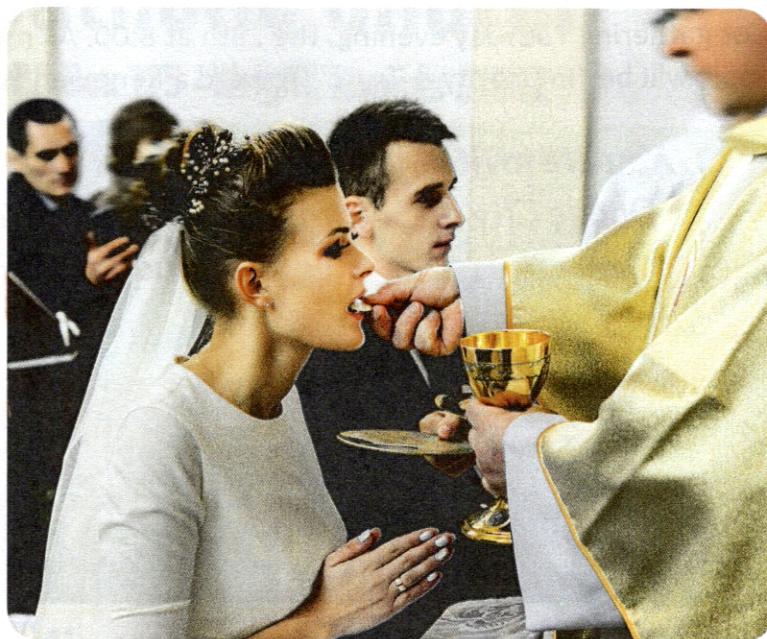


# Dear Padre,

*I'm in the OCIA program. My wife and I were married civilly. She goes to a non-denominational church but is not baptized. Someone said we would have to get our marriage "convalidated." Why? And what does that mean?*

*Convalidation* is a legal term, but it can also be understood as good pastoral practice and even more as a wise spiritual choice. Basically, from a legal point of reference, your marriage took place outside of the canonical structure of the Church.

It needs to be "regularized" and "documented" for you to move forward. Because your wife is not baptized, it cannot be a sacramental marriage, which requires baptism, but it can be made valid and recorded in official Church documentation. Such documentation is helpful, particularly if you have children and intend to raise them as Catholic. Also, if your wife ever decides to become a baptized Catholic, your marriage would automatically become a sacramental marriage when she is baptized. Nothing more is required of you. All in all, it is a good decision and a positive step in your spiritual journey. ●



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**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org**

## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*God speaks to us.... [T]he first attitude to cultivate is listening, so that the divine Word may penetrate our minds and our hearts; at the same time, we are required to speak with God, not to communicate to him what he already knows, but to reveal ourselves to ourselves. Hence the need for prayer, in which we are called to live and to cultivate friendship with the Lord.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE,  
ROME, JANUARY 14,  
2026



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

### Monday

July 27  
Weekday  
Jer 13:1-11  
Mt 13:31-35

### Tuesday

July 28  
Weekday  
Jer 14:17-22  
Mt 13:36-43

### Wednesday

July 29  
Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus  
Jer 15:10, 16-21  
Jn 11:19-27 or  
Lk 10:38-42

### Thursday

July 30  
Weekday  
Jer 18:1-6  
Mt 13:47-53

### Friday

July 31  
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest  
Jer 26:1-9  
Mt 13:54-58

### Saturday

August 1  
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Jer 26:11-16, 24  
Mt 14:1-12

### Sunday

August 2  
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 55:1-3  
Rom 8:35, 37-39  
Mt 14:13-21